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Rep. Giuliano: Florence Griswold Museum to Receive \$10,405 from Arts Endowment Fund



The Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme this week will receive a \$10,405 'no strings attached' award from the Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund, state Representative Marilyn Giuliano, R-23rd District, announced today.

"The Florence Griswold Museum is rapidly becoming one of southeast Connecticut's premier historic, cultural and artistic attractions, thanks to the tireless efforts of the museum's staff and the support they have received over the years from local officials, patrons and contributors and the Connecticut Commission On Culture and Tourism," Representative Giuliano said. "The \$10,405 award that will be presented at a reception at the State Capitol on Thursday re-affirms the state's long-term commitment to the Florence Griswold Museum and to furthering the growth of tourism in our part of Connecticut."

"The Arts Endowment Fund is a really innovative program the state started several years ago. This award will be a major benefit for the museum. We will use it to do the kinds of educational and public services that are so central to our mission," said Florence Griswold Museum Director Jeffrey Andersen. "The size of the award is based on the overall success of our fund-raising program and the private contributions the museum receives. If your fund-raising efforts during the year are successful, you are rewarded with an arts endowment grant. We are grateful to the legislature and to the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism for their support."

The funding is being provided under a program established by the state legislature to stimulate and encourage the development of private sector resources and assist in the long-term stabilization of Connecticut arts organizations. The Florence Griswold Museum is one of 96 organizations that are sharing a total of \$756,274 in Arts Endowment Fund interest earnings from 2004. The money is being provided on a matching fund basis that corresponds to the amount of private contributions raised by the organizations receiving the awards, Representative Giuliano said.

The Arts Endowment Fund award checks will be presented at the conclusion of an 'Arts Day at The Capitol' reception Thursday, April 14th in Room 310 of the State Capitol. The reception, which is being hosted by the Connecticut Arts Alliance, will take place

between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. and will feature Governor M. Jodi Rell, Representative Giuliano said.

Jennifer Aniskovich, executive director of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, will present the check to Janie Stanley, the Florence Griswold Museum's director of development.

The Commission on Culture and Tourism administers the Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund.